

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

November 2011 – Week 2

Air Date: November 6 – November 12 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: LOST COW HEAD

NOVEMBER 1528. SHIPWRECKED!

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

NOVEMBER 6, 1528. ISLA DE MALHADO, WEST OF GALVESTON. AFTER SURVIVING A DOOMED SPANISH EXPEDITION TO FLORIDA, CABEZA DE VACA AND FORTY OTHERS WASH ASHORE, COLD, HUNGRY AND NAKED.

THE FIRST EUROPEAN ON TEXAS SOIL, DE VACA IS TAKEN IN BY KARANKAWA INDIANS AND INTRODUCES THEM TO TRADE, SURGERY AND CHRISTIANITY.

AFTER FOUR YEARS, DE VACA BEGINS HIS LONG JOURNEY HOME, ENDURING SLAVERY, ILLNESS AND STARVATION.

IN 1536 – EIGHT YEARS AFTER HIS SHIPWRECK – DE VACA AND THREE OTHERS MAKE IT BACK TO SPANISH CIVILIZATION. IT'S ONE OF THE GREATEST SURVIVAL STORIES EVER TOLD.

CABEZA DE VACA CAME ASHORE 483 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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